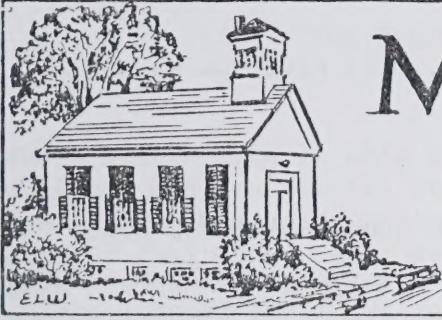


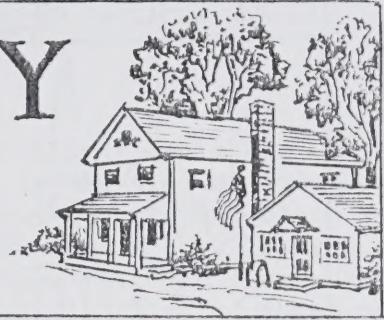
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# MONTEREY NEWS



March, 1976

## OUR TOWN



### Monterey Natural Resource Inventory and Land Use Plan

This project was funded at the 1974 Town Meeting, following which the Planning Board and Professor Andrew Schefley arranged to hire two graduate students from the University of Massachusetts to compile an inventory of the town's natural resources and prepare a land use plan.

Janet Flory and Randy Neel, who undertook this task, came to Monterey to live and become acquainted with the town. To understand the needs of local residents and what kind of community they desired, an advisory group was formed to discuss and evaluate ideas and suggestions, and a questionnaire was sent to year-round residents. The questionnaire showed interest in town tennis

courts in Greene Park. 82% of those questioned would like to have town governmental bodies, such as Selectmen, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, etc. write brief summaries of their activities for the MONTEREY NEWS.

The objective of their work, as expressed by Janet and Randy, was "first, to meet the eleven town goals, primarily determined by the Citizens' Advisory Committee; second, to provide a plan directed at conserving the town's natural environment and rural character; third, to meet the responsibility of providing a place to live for a variety of people; fourth, to provide all residents, particularly present and future town officials, with a document that was applicable to many existing or potential problems."

This document, most interesting, informative and valuable, was presented to the Monterey Library in December, 1975, where it is available for perusal and study. It contains the list of town goals and the recommendations and land use plan which are intended to achieve these goals. The booklet also contains an inventory of Monterey's natural resources.

This really is an amazing accomplishment. The history of Monterey begins with its geological history. The quartzite near Stephens Pond is thought to be formed from beach sand deposited there by the Atlantic Ocean when it extended this far inland. The study of surficial geology in New England begins with the last ice age, when glaciers covered much of North America.

Among other subjects covered are hydrology, soils, vegetation, wildlife and valuable wildlife areas. There are summaries of local social and cultural resources written by present Monterey residents. Many maps are included.

The land use plan and recommendations represent the conclusion of this project.

Janet Flory and Randy Neel deserve our praise and gratitude for their work.

Margaret White

### Lake Buel Improvement Association Report

The Lake Buel Improvement Association met recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Vorck. Members of the Monterey Selectmen and the Conservation Commission were also present to hear the progress report Dr. Zajicek and Dr. Coler made on the survey they are conducting on Lake Buel.

The group was pleased to learn that the water of Lake Buel is clean and that there is no external source which would cause pollution. It has been determined that a new dam is necessary for both flood and weed control in the lake.

Area residents have felt concern over the excessive weed growth for many months. Early last spring the Improvement Association contacted the University of Massachusetts for direction. It was at that time that the decision was made to fund a limnological survey of the lake to be conducted by Dr. Zajicek and Dr. Coler.

Last summer the team and their helpers took samples round the clock from a series of stations in the lake. The samples were brought to the laboratory at Lee Side Lodge, where various tests were conducted. The study has continued on a limited basis during the winter and will become active again through this coming summer.

Until a final solution is determined the committee is studying short term stop-gap measures to control the growth.

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## OUR CHURCHES



### CATHOLIC CHURCH

Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River -- Mass at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday.

### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

The morning worship and sermons during Lenten Services Lent are on the theme "Hunger and Faith." The remaining services are as follows: March 21, "The Poor and Faith in Christ." Read James 2:1-7, 14-17; March 28, "When I Was Hungry."

Read Matthew 25:31-40; April 4, "Perfume or Alms." Read John 12:1-8; April 11, Palm Sunday, "The Populism of Jesus." Read Luke 19:28 ff.

Lenten Study Group Every Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. a group has been meeting at the Cory Loder home. Continuing sessions are March 23, "Ecology-Theology." Read Job 38, 39, 40. March 30, "The Healing and Charismatic Movements in the Church." April 6, "Spiritual Stock-taking." You are invited to the series or to any one that interests you.

Spring Clothing Drive The Church World Service clothing drive to help with clothing needs throughout the world is beginning now and will continue until the third week in April. You are invited to bring to the church or the Monterey Store your contributions. The clothes you give in this way often make all the difference in the world to some other. Jesus said, "I was naked and you clothed me."

17/76 Achievement Fund Our church has set a goal of \$3,000 we hope to contribute to this fund the United Church is raising. The large part of the fund is to help secure a more favorable position for the six black colleges related to the United Church. The committee urges all who have not made pledges or gifts to do so as soon as possible so that this phase of the campaign can be completed.

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### Community Store Movement

The movement to buy the Monterey Store and make it a cooperative community store is continuing its work. From the information published in the last issue of the MONTEREY NEWS a number of persons have responded by sending in money to purchase shares. This is being held in escrow until sufficient is in hand to complete the transaction.

Currently a committee is working on a pamphlet that will describe the work that has been done to determine the feasibility of the project. It is hoped this will be available within a month.

An endeavor such as this has its surprises. The committee reports that words of encouragement and evidences of support keep appearing. They are frank to admit they enjoy all such surprises.

### Committee Formed to Determine Monterey's Growth Needs

In February a statewide law was signed by Governor Dukakis instructing every town to form a growth committee which would fill out a questionnaire stating the individual town's needs in the way of growth -- population, industrial or otherwise -- or whether no growth is preferred. These questionnaires are to be returned to the state. The members of the growth committee in Monterey are Jed Lipsky, Chairman, Paul Thorn, Catherine Mielke, Dean Amidon, Edith Wilson and the three Selectmen, Thomas Bradley, Richard Tryon and Matt Williams.

### Monterey Town Report Wins First Place

Earlier this year the 1974-5 Town Report was awarded first place by the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association for all towns in the state with a population of less than 1,000. Congratulations to the Town Report Committee!

### Wiring Inspector Appointed

A young man from this area, Robert Stevens, has been appointed wiring inspector. He will be inspecting primarily new wiring in buildings and will report directly to the Selectmen.

### Date of Town Meeting Set

The 1976 Annual Town Meeting will take place on Saturday, May 1, in the church basement.

## THE DISCOVERY AND EXPLORATION OF INNER SPACE

### Part I

Whose imagination is able to reach deep enough to know the thrill of exploring new worlds? Can you faintly grasp what it was like to be living in the time of Columbus and those other hardy explorers who followed him? With tales that stir the blood we read of their voyages of exploration across the unknown, mysterious ocean. They discovered unknown lands, new worlds, they called them. Then there followed the years, yes, literally the centuries of exploring, opening up the potentialities of these new regions of the earth.

All of us participated to some degree in the opening up of outer space. Do you remember the thrill of the first man who was catapulted into space and who some 15 minutes later parachuted back into the ocean? Were you among those who watched the first human set foot on the moon? Though the first phase of the exploration of outer space is over, who can begin to guess what still lies before us in those outer regions?

In the work of discovery and exploration we have just begun to scratch the surface. Our imaginations have been touched. Hints of vastness beyond our imagining are opening to us. Yet right here I have a prediction to make. The most dramatic discoveries and explorations are not going to take place so much in outer space as inner space. Inner space? Yes, inner space. I speak of the wonders and immensities that lie largely unrealized in your inner life and mine -- and in the lives of all persons.

The world of inner space is vast and we really know so little about it. Yet hints and suggestions have been coming to us for a long time. Reaching back to antiquity when people were living in caves of the earth, there are suggestions of qualities emerging that belie the primitive animal-like nature of their existence. Outcroppings of unusual dimensions and awesome understandings appear from time to time in the long, toilsome human epic. What happened among those far-off dwellers in the Mesopotamian Valley, now lost in the dust of the dim past, who began to see human life as a vast drama, a contest between darkness and light? In the heavens they saw the advent of day and the descent of night. What led them to take this rhythm of life and read it as a parable of the inner life of persons?

Have you ever pondered the awesome outcroppings that occurred among our distant ancestors at Stonehenge, England? From whence came their knowledge? How were the primitive people able to construct such an amazingly accurate astronomical observatory? From whence came the skill and the power to move such massive stones such enormous distances? And how did they know to place these gigantic stones within fractions of an inch so as to predict seasons, planetary positions, and possibly observations we have not yet noticed? What was going on inside them? Why did they do it? Was it science, was it worship -- or was it both? Don't we wish we knew what was happening in the inner space of these people?

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Pick up the human/wherever you will, follow it a distance, and seemingly out of the blue, unpredictable/unpredictable persons keep appearing. I call them outcroppings. We might use another figure of speech. This unpredictability is like a mysterious fire, a fire within the personality, and who can say what causes it to flame up? Further, who can say how the whole human drama is nudged in new directions by these unpredictable outcroppings, this mysterious fire that appears in people?

Consider with me this amazing fact, that the awesome and the ordinary are so intimately linked that we may pass from one to the other and fail to see that the awesome is fully alive and present in the ordinary. You have all seen these optical illusions that keep shifting right in front of your eyes. A common one presents the face of an aged woman, yet a blink later you may see the features of a teen-age girl. What happens? Well, it partly depends on the slant of our seeing. Seen from one angle we get one perception. From a slightly altered perspective, something vastly different appears. This phenomenon keeps appearing wherever humans look out on their world -- and in on their own lives.

Let us look at one of the most basic rhythms of life. Think about breathing. Since we drew our first breath, this rhythm has been an absolutely vital link to the whole life process. This ordinary, everyday, routine process lies at the very heart of our life-support system. It gives a bit of pause to realize that my linkage to the whole life system that flourishes throughout the earth is so inextricably tied to such a monotonously ordinary thing as my breathing. If you have stopped to notice your breathing, let me ask you a question: Were you doing your own breathing or was it something that was happening to you? We come to this amazing paradox: there is never a moment in your life in which you can say it isn't you who is doing your breathing; there is never a moment in which you can say you seem to have very little to do with it. In light of this paradox we want in Part II to look at such things as thinking, feeling, memory, imagination. In the meantime, don't hold your breath! But do start to notice how many levels there are to your seeing.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister  
Monterey United Church of Christ



Since mid-February the main activity at the Farm has been wood splitting and sap boiling. The sugar house has been in use day and night, with at least one or two workers always on hand to tend the big fire. Collections of sap are usually made twice a day, up and down the road and in the woods leading to Sunset Rock. Over two hundred quarts of syrup are stacked away, to be used on pancakes and French toast and, we hope, on ice cream. Sometimes there has been enough to sell; but in recent years we seem to use it all.

On Sunday evenings there is a service in the main house living room, led by Cory Loder. Following that there is a festive gathering called a coffee house. A few weeks ago Fred and Lucie Lancome came for the evening. On February 22 the Silver Belles offered sentimental songs. The Belles were Margery Janes, viola, Ruth Carr, auto-harp, Gladys Dunlop and Harriet Phillips, recorders.

Elizabeth Otter, whose home is near Frankfurt, in West Germany, arrived early this month as a volunteer worker, planning to stay until next September. She came to this country last October and has been with a home for retarded children in Missouri. She learned about Gould Farm from Volker Heitman, who was here in 1975 and who, like Liz, belongs to a German group called Community Action Service for Peace.

Rose McKee

#### MONTEREY GRANGE # 291

Booster Night was observed on March 3. This meeting was open to the public. The program included a patriotic quiz by Alice Shaffer, a skit, "Waiting for the Storm to Blow Over" by Richard and Patricia Hardisty, another skit "The Missionary Barrel" by Annette Nelson, and musical selections by Brenda, Russell and John Ramier, children of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Ramier of Great Barrington.

The last meeting was on March 17, with a conservation program in charge of Ethel Warner and the Conservation Committee.

Old eyeglasses and frames are being collected for V.O.S.H., a State Grange Project.

Mary Wallace  
Lecturer

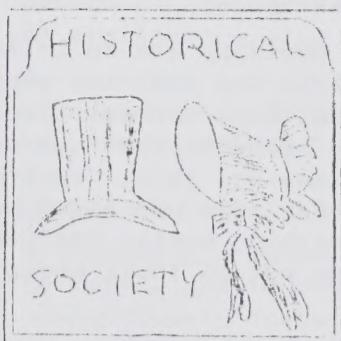
#### NEW MARLBOROUGH-MONTEREY PTA

The very enjoyable 8-week ski program for the elementary school children at Catamount has just been completed. We plan to have another one next year if possible.

There was a very successful candy sale for the fourth grade. The proceeds of this will cover one, or possibly two, field trips.

We plan two spring meetings. Dates will be announced later.

Cynthia Weber  
President



Now that a permanent home for the Monterey Historical Society is a reality, it is hoped that it will become the center for the study of the cultural, social and industrial past life of our town. This necessitates the completion of the files on the early settlers and those families that have had so much to do with the development of Monterey. Many family histories are already on file and others are being completed or updated.

The summer colony which flourished in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries now has fourth and fifth generations spending vacations in Monterey. Several of these families have become permanent residents. Interesting stories as to how these people found the little town, along with photos and documents, have been given to the Society.

Should you recall an interesting account of some past event, do send it to the Society, along with photos, documents, deeds or copies of such which you deem of historical interest.

No need your help and cooperation to make the museum not just a storage place for old things, but a living history of the area.

Thanks to all who have taken time to add their knowledge to the wealth of information now being collected.

Sally Fijux  
President



#### 4-H NEWS

##### Monterey Community Club and Monterey Greenthumbs and Wooly, Feather, Fur Farmers

The Community Club and the Greenthumbs held a meeting on Friday, March 5. Plans for the coming year were discussed and election of officers was held. Shawn Ryder was elected President, Warren Thomson Vice-President and Cathy O'Connor Junior Leader.

A committee was formed, led by Warren Thomson, to check on the trees in the dam area and to see if we should continue that project.

Suggestions for future meetings were field trips to Taft Farm and the Stockbridge Garden Center, judging of members' gardens and a contest in pumpkin growing.

Two booklets were passed out to each member, The Home Vegetable Garden and ORTHO Lawn and Garden Book. ORTHO Chemical is the new donor for the National 4-H Gardening Awards Program.

The next meeting of the three clubs will be April 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the church social room. The program for the evening will be making hanging baskets out of baling twine and planting seeds. At the end of the program help will be given to those who need it on making out this year's records.

Every boy and girl age 6 to 19 is invited to come.

##### Monterey Panhandlers 4-H Cooking Club

This past month we made Steak Supper, Pumpkin Muffins, Peanut Butter Cookies and Raisin Scones.

Kristine Heath, Teen Leader

##### Monterey Roadrunners 4-H Horse Club

Our March meeting was spent in planning our Annual Ham Dinner that will be held on Saturday, March 20, in the church basement. Tickets are now on sale.

Our club is sponsoring a Dog Clinic at the Fire House from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 21. Dog licenses will also be issued at this time.

Christine Papp, News Reporter

##### Club Exhibit and Poster Contest

The Monterey Roadrunners Horse Club received a Very Good for their club exhibit. The exhibit was on the Types of Horses and Their Uses.

Receiving Excellent on their posters were Hannah Pedersen and Jim Gauthier, and Kristine Heath. Very Good went to Kenneth Heath, Pam Gauthier and Shawn Ryder. Christine Papp received a Good.

##### MONTEREY CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

A retreat will be held March 27 at Camp Deerwood.

##### CUB SCOUTS AND WEBELOS

The Webelos have started the Artist Badge. A visit to Price's Art Studio in Sheffield and to other local artists has been planned.

Due to the flu the Cub Scouts did not meet too often this month, so there is little news.

Both groups are looking forward to the Blue and Gold Dinner on March 26 in the church social room.

##### GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scouts have been very active during Girl Scout Week. In observance of Girl Scout Week a party was held at the Hartsville Grange on Thursday, March 11. The Cadettes conducted the flag ceremony and directed games. On Friday, March 12, all the girls went to the Youth Building in Great Barrington for a Candlelight Service combining all the Girl Scouts in the area.

At their regular meeting the Brownies will be going to Gould Farm to see the maple syrup processed.

The Cadettes are working on their My Country badge and their First Aid Challenge.

The Junior girls have been writing letters to patients in the Nursing Home, and they went on a nature hike. They also had a Bicentennial display in the Monterey Post Office.

Girl Scout cookies are on sale now, so please help the Scouts by buying from these young ladies.

Lois Ryder  
Youth Editor

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor of the Monterey News:

It was a delightful experience to learn of the energetic attempt being made in Monterey to establish a cooperative food store. Those enthusiastic people who are supporting -- those who are young in years or young in heart -- are the salt of the earth! Their selfless interest in a cooperative community venture cannot help but point it in the direction of success. And the high quality low-priced goods that will be sold can make such a store a valuable addition to the town's many other attractions.

Here in the eastern part of the state there are many well-functioning co-op stores, and all were started by inexperienced, but dedicated, young people. There may be problems ahead, but none that cannot be solved by joint community efforts. The venture needs everyone's help. Let's pitch in.

Bernard Kleban  
Arlington, Mass.

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This month contributions have been received from Mrs. Thomas Bradley, Mr. & Mrs. William Burhans, Mr. & Mrs. John Lambert, Mr. Charles Nathan, Mr. Paul Schweid, and Mr. & Mrs. Amiel Segal. Our heartfelt thanks to you all!

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